

REMARKS

Applicants, herein, present the amendments that were initially presented in the response that was filed on May 9, 2003 but had the incorrect page and line numbers. Accordingly, these amendments are meant to supercede the amendments made in the response of May 9, 2003. However, the remarks from the response of May 9, 2003 are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

With the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that the claims, as they now stand, define patentable subject matter such that passage of the instant invention to allowance is warranted. A Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If any questions remain regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, T. Benjamin Schroeder (Reg. No. 50,990), in the Washington metropolitan area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.


Respectfully submitted,

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